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What is a Core Service? Your Opinion Counts

Dear Detroit Citizen,

As we review the City of Detroit's services via the budget process that began last week, it made me wonder what Detroiters believe are core services. We must make across-the-board cuts and consolidations in the new budget; however how deep we go depends upon our core service criteria.

What are core services? The definitions vary. How can we place more emphasis on core services? How can we significantly reduce or eliminate non-core services?

Every day I make decisions based on facts and in the best interest of Detroiters. One way I can further accomplish this is to involve you in this process. I am asking you – the citizen who receives City services – what do you believe are core services? Which services does the City of Detroit provide that are most vital and expected by you?

Submit your feedback by sending it to gary@garybrown4detroit.com or post on my Twitter account at www.twitter.com/garybrown4det. Thank you in advance for your feedback, as I will be unable to respond to all comments.

We began the City Council budget hearings Thursday. The budget hearing schedule is posted on the City of Detroit website, www.detroitmi.gov, and hearings are open to the public.

We as City Council and the administration need to work cooperatively to align our services – including personnel and assets – with revenue, our current population, and the core needs of Detroit citizens.

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City Council President Pro Tem Gary A. Brown has a proven track record of dedicated service to the City of Detroit. As your councilman he is providing leadership, accountability and transparency in city government. With a record of being a consensus builder, he is helping to restore integrity and unity to council. President Pro Tem Brown is working collaboratively with colleagues, the mayor, other levels of government and business and community organizations to address the most significant challenges facing Detroit. President Pro Tem Brown promises to be your champion and humble servant on issues that matter to you, and to be a vigilant custodian of your hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

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